



PINECREST

SAUVIGNON BLANC

2005



about our WINERY

Situated in the Franschhoek valley, our vineyards are among the first recipients of the morning rays, hence the name of our estate - 'Môreson' which in Afrikaans means 'morning sun'. The farm nestles beneath the dramatic Franschhoek mountains, which are snow-capped in winter.

On one side of the farm the Franschhoek River meanders through the fertile soil carrying the centuries old secret of good winemaking. Bordering the other side is a natural forest - the inspiration for our Pinecrest range. The deep greens of the forest complement the clear blue of the sky, the mysterious purple of the mountains, the light greens & rusty browns of our vineyards and the bright yellow of our lemon groves.

The farm is about 5km from the picturesque Franschhoek, a quaint little town, French in character, with a fascinating history, breathtaking scenery and the culinary capital of South Africa.

Scientific vineyard location and meticulous winemaking is our philosophy at Môreson. We focus on producing the best grapes in our Franschhoek vineyards, carefully sourcing the highest quality grapes from Paarl and Stellenbosch and excellence in the cellar.

The diversity of the Franschhoek, Paarl and Stellenbosch regions can be traced to the influence of the oceans, mountains and soils and we allow each vineyard to express its intrinsic character in the special wines we craft.

In our Franschhoek vineyards the soils are light and ideal for early ripening varieties like Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc. With the mountains shading the vineyards from the early morning and late afternoon sun and an almost continuous southeaster from Walker Bay, the ripening grapes are kept cool during the long, warm summer.

In our Paarl vineyards the soil has a higher clay component which helps with moisture retention and a layer of small stones which keeps the soil cool. With the cool Atlantic afternoon breezes these vineyards are ideal for the long ripening period of the Cabernet Sauvignon.

The soils in our Stellenbosch vineyards comprise decomposed sandstone. These western slope vineyards are higher and cooler than the surrounding vineyards, making them ideal for dry land Pinotage and contributing to the intense fruit in our Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Rigorous row by row selection and bunch sorting, followed by stringent tank and barrel selection in our modern, high-tech cellar, ensures that only the grapes and wine characterising the Môreson range are selected. Gentle handling of the grapes, careful use of barrel and stainless steel fermentation and proper oak ageing are guided by our winemaker to ensure that the natural characteristics of the fruit are enhanced.

TASTING NOTES

Fresh green tint with tropical guava and pear nose and a citrus crispness on the palate. This wine drinks exceptionally well with Greek salads, light meals and Caribbean-spiced foods. Aging potential: 3 years.

IN THE VINEYARD

Wine of Origin Franschhoek, South Africa
Grown on approximately 4 hectare (10 acres), the yield is 10 tons/Ha. The 16 year old "Weerstasie" clone vines grow in alluvial silt at 1100 feet above sea level. Trellised using Extended Perold and pruned on two spur system. A dense canopy is created for maximum flavour development. The grapes are picked at 3a.m. by mechanical harvester.

IN THE CELLAR

After 20 hours of skin contact, the wine is cold fermented at 12°C for 3 weeks. Made in a reductive method. The wine spends two months in stainless steel tanks. Fined with bentonite, racked, cold stabilized and filtered. Blended before bottling.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker	Anton Beukes
Varietal	100% sauvignon blanc
Alcohol	11.26%
Resid. sugar	1.5 g/l
Total acid	6.3 g/l
pH	3.3
Total cases	2000